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**REMARKS**

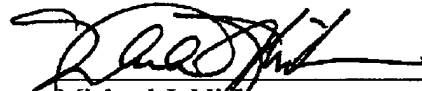
Claims 21-41 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter set forth therein.

As respectfully submitted above, claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter set forth therein such that only claims 21-41 remain pending in the present application. Moreover, the Examiner has indicated in the Office Action, dated August 30, 2004, that claims 21-41 are allowable over the prior art of record.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of all the amendments and reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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